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1. The Committee of Peace Partisan Friends (CPPF), which is the governing body of the Partisans of Peace organization in Lebanon, receives its operating instructions directly from the Central Committee of the Communist Party.

2. Every member of the CPPF is also a member of the Communist Party, and each of its meetings is attended by a member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party. Each member of the CPPF is responsible for the activities of one or more branches of the Partisans of Peace, and always attends the meetings of his Branch Committee(s). His duties at these meetings are to pass on to the Branch Committee the instructions of the CPPF and to report directly to the Central Committee of the Communist Party all activities of the Peace Partisans in his district(s) or branch(es).

3. Members of the CPPF address each other as "Comrade." However, members of the Branch Committees of the Partisans of Peace address each other as "Mr." indicating that there are members of the Branch Committees who are not fully initiated members of the Communist Party.[1]

4. A meeting of the CPPF was held on 6 October 1953 at the home of a certain Khadir (fnu), a teacher, in the Camp Mir'ish section near the Beirut River, Beirut. Present at the meeting were the following: Khadir (fnu), Nadir Nadir, Artin Kasparian, Rafiq Rida, and three other individuals whose names were not reported.

5. Rafiq Rida opened the meeting by stating that the members of the CPPF should work hard to collect funds on behalf of the seven communist candidates in the Syrian national elections (held 9 October 1953). He urged those present to support the Syrian candidates "as sincerely as they supported us" in the Lebanese elections held in July 1953. Any Communist or Partisan of Peace who has relatives or friends in Syria should be instructed to visit these people and to urge them to support the communist candidate.

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6. Khadir (fnu), spoke again and stated that it was imperative that the communist candidates receive more votes in Syria than the candidates of the Syrian Social National Party (SSNP or PPS), "who are Fascists, spies of the Imperialists, enemies of Democracy, and advocates of Mutual Defense in all the Arab States."

7. Nadir Nadir recommended that any Communist who wished to go to Syria should contact one of the Regional Committees of the Communist Party so that he might be given the necessary documentation to introduce him to members of the Party in Syria. He asked that every member making the trip collect all campaign literature of the various parties, particularly "secret handbills," and submit it to the Central Committee of the Communist Party for study. A special effort should be made to discover the origin of those handbills whose sponsorship was not openly acknowledged.

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1. [redacted] Comment. It has been reliably reported in the past that every member of the Communist Party is also a member of the Partisans of Peace. This report indicates, however, that the reverse is not always true. The Partisans of Peace movement parallels, and is controlled by, the Communist Party, but is a separate and distinct organization.

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